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TO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS FOR CHARGES AND AMBASSADORS FROM HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH NORTH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION

1. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CHIEFS OF MISSION/  
CHARGES OF NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN CAIRO EITHER THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 17 OR FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 18, WITH PRECISE  
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TIME TO BE DETERMINED DEPENDING UPON SECRETARY'S MEETINGS  
WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS.

2. SECRETARY WILL WISH TO GIVE YOU SOME GENERAL POINTS TO  
CONVEY TO YOUR HOST GOVERNMENTS FROM NEW ADMINISTRATION AND  
TO 'AVE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON ISS'ES OF MAJOR  
POLICY CONCERN'S IN OUR RELATIONS WITH NORTH AFRICAN COUN-

TRIES.

3. EMBASSY CAIRO SHOULD SEEK GOE CONCURRENCE IN OUR CONVENING AMBASSADORS/CHARGES IN CAIRO FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. ONLY UPON CONFIRMATION FROM CAIRO THAT GOE HAS NO OBJECTIONS, OTHER ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT THAT YOU PLAN TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY IN CAIRO. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THE SECRETARY, WISHING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE IN THE AREA, HAS ASKED TO MEET

WITH OUR AMBASSADORS/CHARGES IN NORTH AFRICA TO REVIEW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND LEARN DIRECTLY FROM THEM ABOUT OUR RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA WHICH IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO US. WE INTEND TO USE THIS LINE IN RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES BUT PLAN NO PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERALLY WANT TO TREAT THIS MEETING IN LOW KEY WAY.

5. YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16. EMBASSY CAIRO IS REQUESTED TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MEETING (TEN OR SO PERSONS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY) AND TO RESERVE 1-1/2 HOURS IN SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR MEETING. ONE POSSIBILITY, IF FEBRUARY 17 BECOMES TOO CROWDED, WOULD BE EARLY BREAKFAST MEETING FEBRUARY 18, ALTHOUGH GIVEN EARLY DEPARTURE, FEBRUARY 17 WOULD BE BETTER. CAIRO SHOULD ALSO ARRANGE FOR SUITABLE MEETING PLACE. FISCAL DATA FOR TRAVEL FOLLOWS IN SEPTEL.

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